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Sports bar to be built at recreation centre

By Julie Cooper

Conestoga College's academic management committee gave final approval March 23 for a sports bar to be built at Doon campus, said the vice-president of student development and human resources.

The bar, to be located at the north-west corner of the second floor of the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre, will be a non-smoking facility, said John Mackenzie.

"We are going to maintain our smoke-free policy. I think it would be a little inconsistent for us to change that for there, especially at a recreation facility."

Mackenzie said he doesn't think prohibiting smoking will deter people from frequenting the bar.

The sports bar, which will have a seating capacity of 90 people, is expected to be completed sometime in May 1994.

"We're hoping to have it ready by the end of May because there is heavy usage of the recreation centre during the summer and we'd like to take advantage of the traffic," Mackenzie said.

Dan Young, manager of athletics and recreation at Doon, said the area in the recreation centre that is currently the second-floor lounge, will be renovated into the bar which will overlook the baseball diamonds and soccer

fields.

The recreation centre is an ideal location for the facility, Young said, because it is away from the academic buildings and is used by many people from the community. About 80,000 people use the building annually.

An on-campus bar "would add to the student life" and be a source of revenue for the college, Mackenzie said.

"Clearly, we see it as an income-generating possibility, helping the recreation centre become self-sufficient," Mackenzie estimates that the bar, which is being funded by the college, will cost about \$125,000 when completed.

Market research on the bar was begun a year ago, Mackenzie said.

Users of the recreation centre were asked to fill out a questionnaire on whether or not they would take advantage of a bar facility at the centre.

"The operation of an alcohol-selling facility at the college is something that people have thought very hard about," Mackenzie said.

To prevent drinking and driving, all of the bar staff will take training in the server intervention program (SIPS), offered by the liquor board. "We will be promoting the responsible use of alcohol as part of the process," he added.

DSA shocked by charges against former president

By Jeff Brinkhof

Members of the Doon Student Association (DSA) say they were shocked upon learning that former DSA president Ron Lehman has been charged with two counts of sexual assault.

According to a March 17 Kitchener-Waterloo Record news brief, Lehman is facing charges in connection with an alleged incident on Nov. 3 involving two women he knew.

Staff Sgt. Mike Cook of the Waterloo regional police said the two women allege, after allowing a man to sleep on the couch in the apartment they share, they woke up and found him touching them in the genital area.

Lehman, who resigned as DSA president Nov. 9 for unspecified personal reasons, is scheduled to appear in provincial court April 11.

Geoff Pearson, who took over the DSA presidency after Lehman's resignation, was surprised by the charges against his former running mate.

"I was shocked by the report. I had no idea these charges were coming. I didn't read it in the paper myself, but after I heard about it, I had to hunt down a back issue to get the details."



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—Geoff Pearson

He said his surprise was typical of the other members of the DSA. "There was some renewed discussion in the DSA offices this week and everyone seemed relatively surprised. No one seemed to have any idea this was coming."

Among those caught off guard was DSA vice-president of administration, Jennifer Kurt.

"What I know is what I read in the paper. I'm still in shock. This guy was a good friend and there he is in the paper with these charges against him."

DSA treasurer Paula Sossi said she isn't sure what to think about the charges, but she hopes justice is served.

"If he did something wrong, then I hope he's convicted for it. If he didn't, then I hope he isn't. I hope he gets what he deserves."

None of the three were willing to speculate whether or not Lehman's resignation was connected with the charges.

Kurt was cautious: "Until I talk to him, I can't really say anything about his reasons for resigning."

Sossi, on the other hand, said she felt Lehman's reasons for leaving were no one's business but his own.

"His reasons for resigning were personal reasons. He never specified. I know students are curious why he resigned, but I think they should accept the fact that he said personal reasons. It had nothing to do with the DSA. He didn't steal money or do anything wrong in that respect, so just leave him alone."

Lehman declined an offer to be interviewed on the subject.

New main power cable installed at Doon

By Robert Gray

Anyone trying to use the facilities at Doon campus on March 27 would have been disappointed. The campus was closed for the day while some primary power switches were replaced and a new main power cable was installed.

As part of a three-year-old program, the primary power and transfer switches have been getting replaced, said Dave Putt, director of physical resources.

In a regular house you've got a hundred amp service into your basement which can be turned off by throwing a primary switch, if you have an electrical problem in the house, Putt said.

"That switch is for 240 volts, 100 amps. The ones we have are

for 13,800 volts, 200 amps. When we started the program three years ago a lot of those primary switches had been in place for 25 years," Putt said. And you don't want to blow a fuse because of faulty switches, he added. That happened about a year ago when a fuse blew and disabled half a fuse board.

The main power cable was also replaced. "If it isn't (replaced) and it blows, this college could be shut for three weeks while we get a new cable. So instead of a possible two-to-three-week shutdown, we figure it's prudent to replace it."

Putt said he couldn't wait until all the students are gone in May to replace the cable as his department's fiscal year finishes on March 31.



Good vibrations

Steve Bradbury, a third-year marketing student, takes advantage of the mild weather and soaks up the sun on one of the Doon campus' park benches.

(Photo by Laura Nahls)

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Equality in the '90s

Just when you think you've finally figured out how the system works, someone changes the rules.

On March 5, the Globe and Mail reported a British Columbia judge ruled that Judi Tyabji, a high-profile member of the provincial legislature, was too ambitious and involved in her career to give her three children, all under the age of six, the kind of attention they needed.

The judge, Justice John Spencer, awarded custody to her husband, Kim Sandana, who works full time in a grocery store in Kelowna.

According to the judge, Sandana would have fewer distractions to interfere with his attention to the children.

Despite the announcement last year, that Tyabji would marry Gordon Wilson, former B.C. Liberal leader, Judge Spencer said that Wilson's career also kept him too busy and would hinder Wilson's abilities as a stepfather.

This ruling seems to give today's women the same bleak choices they have faced throughout history.

If you are ambitious and decide to pursue a career you may have to put off marriage and/or having children. If you decide to marry and have children you should put your career on hold for 20 years or so.

Otherwise, you may end up being the new version of the bad mother — a woman who is trying to better herself by striving towards a career.

Instead of giving women credit for trying to provide a better standard of living for their children, this ruling seems to be sending out the message that a woman cannot be a good mother and a good worker.

Pierre Trudeau was awarded custody of his sons after his divorce. Is a career as prime minister not as stressful or time consuming as we are constantly led to believe?

Women who divorce usually suffer serious drops in their income level and many find themselves collecting welfare.

Many strive to educate themselves for a career so that they can leave the system and earn a decent wage to support their family. Clerical and waitress jobs are low-paying and jobs that do provide a decent income usually require higher education.

Traditionally, men have held jobs that require longer work hours and more responsibility and are, therefore, higher paying. The only difference is that men also have had wives to keep the home fires burning.

Women aren't that lucky. They only have husbands.

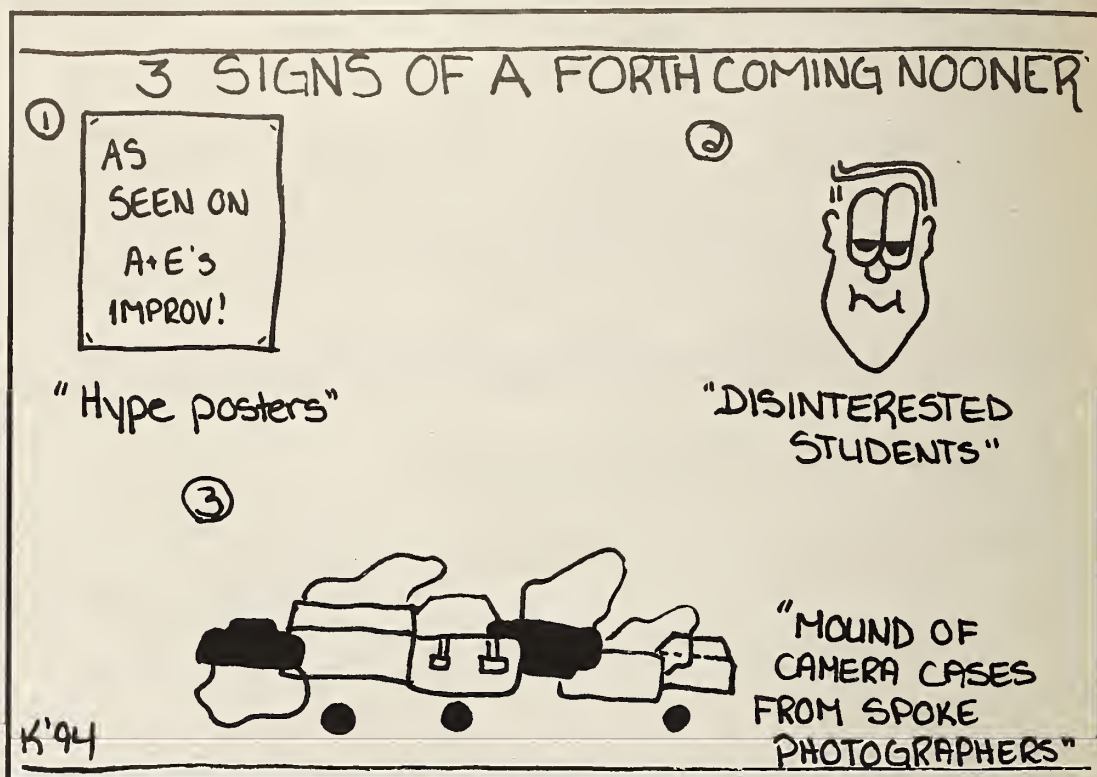
Just when I started to believe that the women's movement was actually making headway, the minority powers that be, in their infinite wisdom, are again trying to make rules for the majority of the population.

The way I see it, every woman who takes a step forward better be very careful where she puts her foot. Who knows what some fool has decided to leave behind.



By Monika
Greenan

OPINION



Euthanasia from a logical perspective

I have never had amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) or any other debilitating handicap.

If I did, I can only speculate on how I would react. I can't imagine feeling any differently than the average person with this condition.

Yet, my reaction says nothing in terms of a logical argument of whether a person is for or against euthanasia. To have an opinion respected, and taken seriously, particularly about something as delicate as deciding whether to live or die, one must be in the right frame of mind — that is, able to make a rational decision based on weighing the facts.

Such a state must preclude any consideration of euthanasia. If it does not, then mercy killing becomes not a rational decision, but a decision made sporadically in the heat of the moment — a decision made by feelings not by logic.

If however, an individual is in the right state of mind when weighing their reasons about whether to receive doctor-assisted suicide or not, the fact that the person has a rational and intelligent mind becomes an argument against his wanting to die.

With a sharp intellect and a rational mind comes purpose and hence, reason for living.

To further cement this point, consider Steven Hawking, the brilliant author and scientist. Hawking has made the best of his debilitating situation by writing



By Alan
Horn

prolifically about our vast universe.

Another question: If euthanasia becomes a constitutional right, who is to deprive others who are in similar turmoil?

It would be hypocritical and incredibly judgmental to say that one with ALS can go, but someone with severe mental problems cannot.

It might be argued that a person who is mentally dysfunctional could not possibly make a rational decision, but by whose standard? By that individual's standard the decision could be quite rational.

And is it not possible that someone, though he may not be suffering from ALS, could feel the same despair and anguish and maybe more than someone who is deteriorating physically?

It could be argued that individuals with a dysfunctional mind, such as those who are developmentally challenged, would feel more anguish because, though they have a healthy body, their mind could be metaphorically to them what the body of an ALS sufferer is to them.

Again, I might well feel and even react as Sue Rodriguez, however, it would not necessarily make my decision to end my life the right one.

Logic must dictate the reasons behind the euthanasia debate, not feelings, which change at the crack of a joke or the curse of a tongue.

The sign of spring everyone's forgotten

Spring has finally sprung and people are generally thrilled with the idea of driving with the windows down, the radio cranked up and making daily visits to the Dairy Queen.

Signs of spring are definitely here, but many people have failed to acknowledge the real sign of spring.

At our house, the first sign of spring is not the red-breasted robin, the mailman with no coat, or the bare sidewalks. It is the large quantity of dog poop (four months' worth) that has collected in the yard.

No matter where you walk, whether it be to or from the car, or simply out for a nice spring stroll through the neighborhood, you'll come across a pile of dog ca-ca. And even if you don't notice it at first, you will when you get home and take your shoes off.

A couple of years ago, the Waterloo Region passed a bylaw that required pet owners to clean up after their dogs in public places.

The law was called Stoop and Scoop. Owners disobeying this law



By Blair
Matthews

would pick up a hefty fine instead. But if you think about it, how do you really enforce a law such as that? Is there someone hired specifically to catch these offenders — the dog-poop patrol perhaps?

As a result of this law, some dog owners now carry a plastic bag and tiny shovel with them when they walk their dog, just in case it decides to drop a load somewhere public.

But we all know that's just for show. Though they carry the Zehr's bag with them, the poop never makes it that far. These types of people are very dangerous, as this action can lead to more serious offences such as watering their grass on the wrong day during a lawn-watering ban.

And so, the poop story continues

... Dog Poop Day, as I like to call it, is the phrase that refers to one of the first real days of spring when people across the country take 15 minutes out of their busy schedule to scoop the poop.

Dog Poop Day ranks right up there with car wash day, gardening day and perhaps even sun-tanning day. These are all legitimate activities that result from the great Canadian winter.

But how many people realize how significant the whole issue is?

We're talking about the stuff that must be cleaned off before the relatives come over to marvel at the state of the green grass. A yard in spring can bring out the competitive nature in anyone — especially if your next-door neighbors can see it.

So to you I urge: Clean up the poop before mom tells you it would make great garden fertilizer (then you know it's been there too long), or get rid of the dog.

Letters to the editor

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DSA meeting briefs

The following are notes and quotes compiled from the March 22 Doon Student Association (DSA) executive meeting:

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Jennifer Kurt, the DSA vice president of administration, informed the executive that OCCSPA (Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association) is considering boosting its membership fee to 45 cents per student, or approximately \$1,800 for Conestoga College. This figure is nearly three times the amount the DSA paid to the Toronto-based lobby group for this school year.

OCCSPA is an association of college student governments that have banded together to lobby the provincial government on behalf of students.

Assistant pub manager Jamie Proudfoot noted the increased fee would not cover the cost of sending DSA representatives to OCCSPA's bi-monthly conferences. The DSA spent \$2,853.32 on OCCSPA conferences during the current school year.

OCCSPA plans to increase its budget to \$17,000, up from \$16,000 this year.

Outgoing DSA president Geoff Pearson supported the hike, noting \$16,000 was a minuscule budget for a province-wide organization. The DSA's total operating budget for 1993-94 was \$246,475.

Any decision on OCCSPA's new budget and its accompanying fee increase will be made at the organization's executive changeover conference in May.

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The DSA unanimously passed a motion to donate \$750 from its security foot patrol budget to the college's emergency loan fund. Treasurer Paula Sossi, who suggested the transfer, said, "They're (the security foot patrol committee) not using the money, so let's put it to student use."

Approximately \$1,500 was allocated to the foot patrol budget at the beginning of the school year, but plans for establishing a patrol have been shelved until next year.

The emergency loan fund is a fixed amount of money the college sets aside to help students experiencing otherwise insurmountable financial hardship. However, once this amount is exhausted, there is no mechanism

to replace it.

DSA financial officer Irene DaRosa said, "Usually, at this time of year, the fund gets low and this will help replenish it."

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Donations of \$60 each were approved for Anselma House and St. Mary's House.

The two women's shelters received similar amounts from the DSA last year. The money came from a special fund the DSA has put aside for charitable donations.

Vice-president of communications Tony Domingos said, "If there is still money in the fund, I'd like to see it exhausted. If it's been set aside to give away, give it away."

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In a largely ceremonial act, the executive unanimously accepted the results of the recent DSA elections. It officially recognized and welcomed Sabina Kampf and Jackie Allin as the association's new president and vice-president of student affairs, respectively. They officially take office May 2.

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The DSA voted to send Marlene Ford, who will replace activities co-ordinator Becky Boertien during the latter's pregnancy leave later this spring, to the April 21-22 Student Lifeline conference in Barrie.

The conference will be a workshop for activities co-ordinators and college staff from around the province who are involved in activities for students. Registration fees are \$180 and include accommodations, meals and activities.

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DSA resignations not uncommon

By Jeff Brinkhof

The resignation last November of former Doon Student Association (DSA) president Ron Lehman, while surprising to many, was not without precedent.

He is also not the first former DSA member to face criminal charges.

Lehman, who resigned from the DSA on Nov. 9, 1993, citing personal reasons, is scheduled to appear in provincial court April 11 on two charges of sexual assault stemming from an alleged incident on the night of Nov. 3.

Tim Egerdeen, the DSA's entertainment manager for the 1990-91 school year, pleaded guilty to one count of sexual assault on Feb. 18, 1992.

He resigned after the DSA's board of directors' unsuccessfully tried to impeach him for non-performance of duties in December 1990. In an unusual move, the DSA president at the time, John Lassel, created a new position, special assistant to the president, for Egerdeen.

A subsequent investigation into Egerdeen's activities by a Conestoga broadcasting student, sparked by the strange nature of his appointment, led to police laying two charges of sexual assault, one charge of assault causing bodily harm and one charge of forcible confinement against Egerdeen.

Over the past 21 years, several other DSA members have left office in mid-term for a variety of reasons, the most common being overwork.

In 1973, the year the Council of Representatives changed its name to DSA, association president Tony Cook became the first Conestoga student leader to step down. His resignation followed a vote of non-confidence from the DSA's board of directors following a dispute over the spending of association money.

The following year, the DSA again lost

its top executive. Geoff Hebbert, also a former Spoke editor (the DSA at that time ran Spoke), decided to resign when his grades became too low.

The next 15 years seem to have gone by with little incident, but in 1989 a rash of resignations began to occur.

They started with the January 1989 resignation of assistant activities co-ordinator Farzana Sheikh. She decided not only to leave the DSA, but to quit school and travel in Europe for a year.

A year later, Todd Schott, the DSA's entertainment manager, left citing unspecified personal reasons.

Nine months later, assistant activities co-ordinator Steve Roth also left for personal reasons. Roth said at the time that he felt a few members of the DSA executive were doing a poor job. He said, "I got so frustrated, I needed to get out."

DSA treasurer Jen VanDerZwaag resigned in January of 1992. Like Hebbert 20 years before her, VanDerZwaag was unable to balance the responsibilities of being a full-time student and a DSA executive member.

She told Spoke, "I honestly don't think a full-time student can do the job, because the position is more than a part-time job."

The current DSA has been among the hardest ever hit, in terms of resignations.

The first to go was Jason Pomeroy, the DSA's activities and promotions co-ordinator. He left last June, only two months into his term, saying he was unable to balance the requirements of his summer job and those of the DSA.

His replacement, Rob Nicol, was around for an even shorter period of time, quitting just two weeks after taking the job. According to then DSA president Lehman, Nicol also cited an inability to meet the time requirements of the job as the reason for his resignation.

Career Corner



By Marilyn Snyder

HANDLING THE INTERVIEW

You can get a job without a resume, but you cannot get a job without some type of interview. Generally interviews take 30 minutes to an hour and even the most qualified individual is not immune to stumbling over tough interview questions. The key to success is *preparation*.

The interview is very important. It will be your final chance to convince the prospective employer that you are the most suitable candidate for the position. Job interviews are a mutual exchange of information between you and the potential employer. The job always goes to the best prepared.

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PERSONAL PREPARATION

Assess your past experiences (educational, work and extra-curricular) and how they will fit in with this particular company. Be prepared to market yourself. Prepare to talk about your skills and abilities as they relate to the requirements of the position. Create the desire in the interviewer to have you as an employee by being sincere and pleasant as well as qualified. If you can't sell your own capabilities, no one else will.

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Conestoga plans expansion

By Laura Nahls

In these negative economic times of cutbacks, wage freezes and monetary shortfalls, Conestoga College is looking to a positive future consisting of possible consolidation and expansion.

Many of these plans were discussed at the March 21 meeting of the college council.

Construction on a much-anticipated campus pub will begin May 15. The sports bar will be located on the north-west corner of the second floor of the recreation centre.

College president and council chair, John Tibbits, said the bar will have a seating capacity for 90 people.

"We are hoping to attract many of the teams that use the recreation centre's baseball and hockey facilities, as well as our own population. I believe locating the bar in a non-academic area is a positive move and will assist in promoting responsible drinking."

Tibbits said the new sports bar

would also be a source of part-time employment for students.

John Mackenzie, vice-president of student development and human resources, said the college is considering adding three more ball diamonds and lighting to the existing diamonds.

"This would at least double their usage," he said.

The possibility of expanding Dooners cafeteria was also discussed.

"We would like to make it more inviting by extending the seating space out to the sidewalk and putting in a wall of windows, for a solarium effect," Tibbits said.

"Another expansion possibility is the addition of another barbecue pit and seating area similar to the one already in use behind the recreation centre. This one would be located near the Doon pond," the president said.

The future of the trades and apprenticeship program at Guelph campus was questioned by Guelph representative, Gord Baldwin.

Tibbits said it is the college's intention to consolidate the program with the one at the Doon campus, as soon as possible.

"We are hoping Doon will be the location for a regional trades and apprenticeship centre. However, realistically we are looking at a five-year time frame.

"The \$4.3-million school of business will have to be completed before we can look at another new centre."

Tibbits said construction could begin sooner depending on the proposed size of the centre and the results of a feasibility study on the next capital campaign.

The idea of consolidating the Cambridge campus was questioned by Cambridge campus co-ordinator Susan Garlick.

"Studies show students take upgrading in their own communities and that is the main service our campus provides. There is no direct busing to Doon from Cambridge, and this could create a real problem for students."



How sweet it is!

DSA activities co-ordinator Becky Boertien (right) gives two Blue Jays tickets to second-year journalism student Laura Nahls, winner of the student food bank draw on March 24.

(Photo by Julie Cooper)

Awards proposal under the microscope

COLLEGE COUNCIL BRIEFS

• Conestoga College's director of human resources, recently presented an employee recognition proposal. Colin MacGregor said it's important that employees be recognized by their peers in a public manner as such recognition boosts morale. Further discussion called for an organizing committee of employees who would establish criteria for the awards. It was determined the awards should be presented annually and an effort made to avoid duplication with other awards.

• The council continued discussion from the Feb. 14 meeting regarding quality of education and a faculty-replacement pool. Norm Socha, trades and apprenticeship faculty, said students have voiced concerns about certain replacement faculty. He said it is important for students in apprenticeship programs to have proper instruction to cover the course requirements. These students, he said, must write a provincial exam and if the work isn't covered they suffer. It was recommended that files of qualified instructors be critically maintained and only

these instructors be called upon to temporarily replace faculty.

• College president John Tibbits, asked for clarification on the effects of the provincial government's social contract, said the college system was initially required to cut costs by \$50 million, however, that figure was recently reduced to \$40 million. A salary freeze will be in place through 1995 and that should enable the system to reach its goal without employees having to take six unpaid holidays annually.

• Charlie Koch, an instructor with

JobsOntario at the Guelph campus, reported to council the course has replaced its hard-cover automotive manuals with CD-ROM programs. Koch said the replacement cost for the manuals was approximately \$4,000 annually. It is estimated \$2,000 will be saved annually due to the computerization.

• Alumni affairs manager, Mary Wright, reported to council the alumni association raised over \$15,000 for the capital campaign. Four student callers averaged 3,000 calls each over a four-week period.

Corrections

In the March 21 issue of Spoke it was incorrectly reported that Brian Thomson was from SS Technologies. He was from Katlyn Controls. Also, in the March 28 issue Mike McClements was mistakenly identified as Mike McClemmens. His title was also mistaken. He is not director of technology as was reported. Furthermore Conestoga's board of governors did not grant approval for the 20-page solar car proposal which was sent to Colorado.

Spring has sprung at Conestoga College

Springfest April 4 - 8

* Monday, April 4

Jays Day - wear your Blue Jays apparel for a chance to win 2 Jays tickets.
Mini Put Contest - Main Cafe 11:30 a.m.
Pudding Eating Contest - Main Cafe 12 noon

* Tuesday, April 5

Everything is Fun & Games Day - Main Cafe 12 noon.
Blue Jays Bus Trip - depart at 5 p.m.

* Wednesday, April 6

Quack, Quack Day
Duck Races - Main Cafe 12 noon.
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* Thursday, April 7

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Spring into Spring with Spirit! Get Involved in Springfest '94.

For more information see Marlene at the DSA Activities Office.



Income tax return tips offered for students

By Julie Cooper

Kathy Kemmer, office supervisor at the downtown Kitchener H&R Block, offers the following helpful tips for students filling out their income tax return:

***Tuition costs** — Students are allowed to claim \$80 per month for each month in full-time attendance at an educational institute.

Tuition must be \$100 or more; anything below that is non-deductible. The T2205 slip shows the tuition a student paid as well as the number of months in full-time attendance.

Students must claim tuition re-

gardless of whether they need the deductions to bring them to zero taxes owing. Then they can transfer to a parent or spouse anything that they have not used and that means filling in copy three of the tuition slip.

***Rent** — If students are paying rent, they can apply for the Ontario tax credit, regardless of whether they have income or not.

However, college residence is not considered rent for Ontario tax credit purposes. The maximum students can claim if they live in residence is \$25.

***Ontario student assistance program (OSAP)** — OSAP loans

are non-taxable, but grants are. The first \$500 of a grant is tax-exempt.

***Moving expenses** — When students move to attend school, they can deduct their moving expenses against a scholarship or bursary income.

If they do not have any income at all, they cannot deduct it. When students are done school and they're moving home to work, they can deduct moving expenses against their job income.

***GST** — Students need to make sure they apply for the Goods and Services Tax credit, which consists of filling out step two on the first page of the return. And because students move a lot, Kemmer sug-

gests they take advantage of direct deposit for their tax refunds and GST credit.

***Part-time jobs** — All money from part-time jobs must be reported as income. Students should make sure they get their T4 slips to prevent overpayment on their Canada Pension Plan contributions.

***Single parents** — Students who are single parents can have a claim equivalent to a spouse-claim for one child.

***Medical expenses** — All medical is deductible and receipts are required. Everyone has to deduct three per cent of their net income from their total medical expenses.

In a lot of cases, that is when they lose their medical expenses. However, be aware that medical is good for more than one tax year. You can choose any 12-month period for your medical expenses, as long as it ends in the taxation year.

For 1993, as an example, you can go from February 1992 to February 1993 and claim it on your 1993 return. You are not limited to a calendar year.

***Charitable donations** — Conestoga College shows a non-refundable \$5 charitable deduction on the tuition receipt.

The deadline for income tax returns is April 30.

Students learn tests' value

By Robert Gray

Intermediate electrical apprentice students at the Detweiler Centre, Doon campus, are learning one of the tests that make our homes safe.

They are conducting a Canadian Standards Association 18-day, locked-rotor test, which tests a motor's ability to handle the stress caused when its rotor gets stuck.

"It's usually the most stringent test done on a motor, because it's not allowed to move," said Norm Socha, one of the instructors supervising the test.

"When you lock the rotor, you stress it to its maximum." An example of this happening in the home would be a refrigerator motor locking up. Dust or dirt in the air could jam the fan, which might cause a fire.

Two of the testing procedures that students use to make sure the motors do not burn out are thermal detection and high-impedance protection.

The first procedure uses a thermal detector to monitor the temperature of the windings in the motor. If it reaches a certain temperature, it shuts off the motor.

The other method, high impedance protection, limits the current going to the motor.

The motor does not allow sufficient current to overheat, and there is sufficient area for the heat to dis-

sipate. The trade-off is that the motor is not very powerful, so the test is on very small motors, like those found in refrigerators, humidifiers or fans.

The test combines several subjects the students are taking, Socha said.

In the electro-mechanical controls course, they cover the setting of the test and control of the motor. In instrumentation they learn how to use the instruments they employ in testing.

The writing up and planning is learned in an effective communication course.

Socha said the test is a valuable learning experience because it is something applicable to what they would be doing in industry.

Students are also shown safety procedures to follow, such as isolating the motors in a cordoned-off area, which only they can enter. As well, it helps with self-discipline because they take the test results outside of class, three times a day, he added.

The test is held for 18 days to make it applicable to the lifestyles of most people, Socha said.

"If a house is uninhabited for two weeks while people are on vacation, plus a couple of days for a long weekend, we want to be sure that there is no fire. The stuff in the refrigerator will melt, but the motor will not catch fire."

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May marks Guelph and Wellington County's first AIDS walk

By Colleen Connachan

The 10 kilometre walk starting at Riverside Park in Guelph through Goldie Mills Park and St. George's Square will not just be a scenic stroll on a Sunday afternoon.

It will mark the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County's (ACGWC) first walk for HIV/AIDS.

The event, From All Walks of Life, is a national fundraiser which has already taken place in cities across Canada.

The walk, which was announced at a press conference March 23 at East Side Mario's in Guelph, is set for May 1, beginning and ending at

Riverside Park in Guelph. Walkers can register on location before the 11 a.m. start.

For the 20 people who attended, a free lunch was sponsored by East Side Mario's. Committee members briefed the audience on details and outlined reasons why an AIDS walk was initiated.

Co-ordinator David Beckerson, said "HIV/AIDS are critically important issues impacting on all of us." Unfortunately, he said, a majority of people in the community are unaware of the issue. "In the case of HIV/AIDS, ignorance equals death."

This first annual AIDS walk is aimed at community participation,

said Beckerson, who predicts between 300 to 500 could turn out.

He said hopes are high that the walk could raise approximately \$30,000 to \$50,000 from pledges and donations. Proceeds from the walk are earmarked towards the promotion of health needs for people living with HIV/AIDS.

The committee wants to see support from individuals, families and challenge teams through participation.

Executive director Tim McClemon said this is a community-wide event which will unite people in support of an important issue. He also said the walk is in part a response to the community at large to

raise awareness.

The event has already attracted a total of 13 corporate sponsors, who have donated money, prizes, food, refreshments and services. Beckerson said donations from individuals are greatly appreciated, but ultimately, participation is the key to getting involved.

The committee's challenge team co-ordinator, Barbara Stafford encourages everyone to get involved in walk. She also suggests how people can get involved in a group effort by organizing a challenge team.

Stafford explained that a challenge team is made up of a group of people representing any

name or organization. She said the team will need a captain and can also pick a theme to identify themselves.

Stafford said kits with information can be obtained through the ACGWC, located at 265 Woolwich St., Guelph, or people can call 763-2255 for a kit that will be mailed out to them.

Walkers will be treated with prizes, food and refreshments and live entertainment along the route.

A framed picture donated by professional visual artist Brian Middleton will be one of the many prizes, the artist said.

"I thought it would be a positive way to contribute to the cause."



Executive director of the AIDS committee of Guelph Tim McClemon (left) and artist Brian Middleton kicked off events for From All Walks of Life. (Photo by Jason Schneider)

Cambridge teacher shows devotion to work

By Blair Matthews

Faculty members at Conestoga have always had a certain degree of dedication to their students.

It's no different at the college's Cambridge campus, where teachers such as Helen Watt go that extra mile.

Watt, who teaches the literacy program at Cambridge, is no stranger to education. She graduated from the University of Toronto, where she studied psychology.

"It was three years of rats and one year of people," she said with a laugh. Watt was initially a public school teacher until she had children, then worked as a part-time supply teacher while her children grew up.

Later, Watt started teaching the Futures program at Cambridge and was offered a chance to help design the literacy program that started in 1989.

Watt said the literacy program is a one-on-one teaching situation

called a learner-based program. There are no prerequisites for the course which enrolls a variety of people at different skill levels.

She said that she is in a wonderful position as far as the curriculum is concerned because she has access to phonics-based materials.

"For some of our students who've never had phonics-based (teaching) and need every kind of help that's available, that's really great."

As the main teacher in the program, she has several volunteers that help her on a daily basis.

Watt said the program covers a wide area of topics such as reading, writing and computers.

"It is what they want to do. It's not the type of program that you would want to say, 'Let's accomplish this within five weeks or ten weeks.'"

One of the things that stands out in Watt's mind about students with disabilities is their determination.

"I am really amazed that as long as you don't put walls up or give

them walls, they'll just keep going."

"The word I hate more than any other in the English language is — I can't even say it — S-T-U-P-I-D. It has done such terrible damage to people and so if they hear that over and over again, that's the way they feel they are. Therefore, they don't learn."

According to Watt, there are a lot of reasons why she likes to teach.

"The people, the fun, the different experiences, the things I learn about how other people live, and watching people grow and feel much better about themselves. That's the best part."


Watt said that although teaching takes up the majority of her time, she is planning to travel to Europe.

"I can only afford to do that once in a long while and my friend and I put money away each month (to save for the trip)."

Reading is also something Watt said she likes to do, "If I ever get a chance."



Conestoga faculty member Helen Watt (left) tends to a computer program with one of her volunteers. (Photo by Blair Matthews)



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Perspective

International Students

International office

Helping students from around the world to get an education

By Jeff Brinkhof

Since 1989, Conestoga College's international education office has been offering a helping hand to students from such disparate locales as Ethiopia, Brazil and Japan, among others.

The office is responsible for recruiting and responding to international students interested in taking programs at Conestoga.

Some of its duties include informing international students about the college's admission requirements, telling them how to get student visas, arranging accommodations if needed, picking students up at the airport and offering advice to them once they get here.

"Not all these things happen all the time in

a typical week, but many weeks all these things happen. We just fit it in our schedule and try to respond to those international requests," said Larry Rechsteiner, Conestoga's director of international education.

The bulk of the office's work involves attracting and registering international students to the college. However, the relationship doesn't always stop there.

A Japanese student in the general business program who planned to go home for the summer had a concern about retaining her accommodations upon returning in the fall. She went to the international office for advice.

They suggested she offer the landlord an advance on September's rent. "She worked it through. The landlord recognized that he

or she is going to have difficulty renting out the house in the summer and that the student has been a good tenant. Everything worked out," Rechsteiner said.

Assisting students is only one satisfaction of his job, said Rechsteiner. He enjoys watching students from non-English-speaking countries come to Conestoga, take its language program and go on to further post-secondary education.

"What's most pleasing is that they are successful. We had one student who completed our general arts and science language option program and is now studying at a university in the United States. That's what I consider success."

For international student advisor Karen Vanderkruk, learning about different cul-

tures is one of the allures of her position. "I was talking to one of our Japanese students and I found out she wasn't going home for Christmas. Christmas is such a big event for us, so I asked her if she was disappointed by not being able to go home for the holiday.

"She said, 'Oh, no. Christmas is not a big thing. It's New Year's that's important.' Things that we take for granted are different for other cultures."

Her greatest satisfaction, however, is watching international students do well in their studies.

"The big success for me is if we can get more international students into diploma and certificate programs. The job satisfaction is seeing that students are doing well, not only in school, but in a different environment."



Karen Vanderkruk, Conestoga's international student advisor, poses with a group of flags from some of the countries represented by students at the college.

(Photo by Jeff Brinkhof)

Countries involved in the international studies program

- Greece
- Guyana
- Japan
- Botswana
- Ethiopia
- South Korea
- Hong Kong
- Portugal
- Malaysia

Botswana students easily adjust to new surroundings

By Jason Schneider

It is not too difficult to imagine yourself studying in a foreign land. Most Canadians could adapt to any culture on the planet.

But imagine yourself being from Africa and experiencing a Canadian winter for the first time.

"I didn't know what to expect," says first-year materials management student and Botswana native Trevor Tebalo. "We did have some time to prepare after we arrived so we were ready for it when it happened."

Tebalo and fellow first-year materials management student Ignatius Nfana came to Conestoga College through the international studies program that allows foreign companies to get their workers the training they cannot receive in their native countries.

Both men are employed by a diamond-processing company in Botswana and will begin working immediately after they complete their courses.



Botswana natives Trevor Tebalo (left) and Ignatius Nfana are first-year materials management students at Conestoga College.

(Photo by Jason Schneider)

"We will be working in central purchasing and management control for a two-year assessment period," says Nfana. "After that, we will be promoted to higher positions when they become available."

Botswana is a landlocked nation on the outskirts of the Kalahari desert, north of South Africa, and relies heavily on the mining of

diamonds, nickel and copper to support its economy. While it does not suffer from the drought and mass poverty of its northern neighbors, Nfana and Tebalo feel privileged to obtain an education.

"It's a developing country and there is a lot that can be done," says Nfana. "There is still a long way to go and not everyone has a chance

to go to school."

Fortunately, however, Botswana has a democratic government that has made a great effort to avoid an apartheid system such as the one that has crippled South Africa.

"It is a very peaceful nation," says Tebalo. "If people disagree with something, they will not take up arms against the government. They

will peacefully march and not throw stones."

Because of their native social climate, Tebalo and Nfana feel comfortable in Canada. Like Canada, Botswana was a British protectorate, until it declared independence in 1966.

It is now governed by a parliament, consisting of a president and a National Assembly of 31 elected members, and The House of Chiefs, a body similar to our senate. The ruling Botswana Democratic Party is rivalled by three other more nationalistic parties, yet all parties are multi-racial and multi-tribal.

With a population of just less than 1 million, most citizens rely on farming as a way of life. However, the country is making a strong push toward modernization.

"A lot of people with educations go to work in other places, but more people are choosing to stay," says Nfana. "When we go back, we will just be like everyone else because more people are going to school."

Conestoga students take a ride on the Kramer Flyer

By Laura Nahls

Small business student Dan Kramer launched his Kramer Flyer in the Doon campus cafeteria to the delight of participating students as well as curious bystanders.

The shiny, red apparatus combines the up-and-down motion of a teeter-totter with the revolving movement of a roundabout.

Kramer said the equipment is a natural extension to the backyard swing set.

"It is geared towards eight to 12-year-olds who have outgrown their parents' backyard but are too young to be roaming about the streets on their own."

The motion and speed provide a more thrilling experience than standard play equipment."

Rob Werner, a second-year business student, tried riding the Kramer Flyer. "The ride is incredible. You really pick up speed and it is a neat sensation," he said.

Kramer said his father purchased a similar unit over 30 years ago.

"I'm not sure what happened to the company that manufactured the



Small business student Dan Kramer (left) shows second-year business student Rob Werner the ups and downs of his Kramer Flyer in the main cafeteria March 22.

(Photo by Laura Nahls)

unit, but only about 100 were ever put on the market. I've always thought it was a fun concept."

Kramer, part-owner of Leo Kramer and Company Ltd., a family

business that manufactures heating supplies, entered the small business program in September 1993 hoping to gain theoretical knowledge.

"My father and older brother took

care of that end of the business and I was always more production oriented."

He explained that the small business program focuses on all aspects

of starting a business.

"We have completed units covering such subjects as accounting, marketing, market research, cash flow, time management and franchising."

The Kramer Flyer prototype was constructed for approximately \$1,000 Kramer said, "not including my time."

Kramer's time is spread thin these days. The married father of two attends classes from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and then works until 1:30 a.m. at Heartland Appliances in Elmira, where he is employed as a design engineer.

Kramer will promote his prototype at hardware, outdoor and toy stores in the area.

"It is really intended for backyard use and not for public playgrounds. It would need some modifications to comply with CSA (Canadian Standards Association) requirements."

Kramer said the main concern is the lack of a brake on the apparatus. "It can pick up pretty good speed and the addition of a brake would provide that added safety."

Electronics engineering technology receives \$10,000 donation

By Colleen Connachan

Equipment and software, worth \$10,000, has been donated to Doon campus's electronics engineering technology department by a local company.

S-S Technologies, a major employer of Conestoga graduates, has made a donation to the department for the second year in a row.

Tim Williams, a professor, said his department received \$10,000 in

cash last year from S-S Technologies and this year they received some new equipment and software packages.

Williams indicated the type of equipment donated has been needed for awhile.

"It couldn't really be afforded with the recent budget cuts."

One of the three pieces of equipment donated is called the XILINX Gatoraid Package.

This allows students to design

their own integrated circuit chip, which usually has to be bought from circuit developers.

"We can design the inside of the chips from scratch, which is quite a technical jump for us. This is the first time we've had this capability," Williams said.

The second piece of equipment is a software language program which will enable students to program under WINDOWS.

This program is called C++. Wil-

iams said the C++ equipment is still on order, but the company has loaned the college their program for use until the other arrives.

The third donation was two NOVELL network licences for one of the department's labs. These system licences will give students a chance to disassemble the hardware and then install the network from scratch.

"It will give them experience to be able to do it immediately in the

industry."

Williams said donations often come from companies who have employed Conestoga graduates in the past. He said he believes it is in a company's best interest to donate such equipment because knowledge and experience will have been acquired before students reach the workforce.

"We've been fairly lucky lately. We've had one or two major donations every year."

Creative writing students aiming for publication

By Alan Horn

Journalism students from Conestoga College are not the only ones striving for publication. Part-time students in creative writing workshops one and two, offered at the Waterloo and Guelph campuses, aim for a similar target. Their weapon is not fact but fiction.

"The level of ability in the writing courses has been extraordinary," said instructor Lauren Nesbitt.

Nesbitt has taught the course for 3 1/2 years and has dealt with an array of students, ranging from retired seniors to high schoolers and single moms.

The level of writing experience students have coming into the course also varies. Some students who enroll have already been published, while others have not,

Nesbitt said. Both however, share the common goal of being published, whether for the first or the fifth time.

In fact, that goal is met by several of her students, including one individual who won a Toronto Star short story contest.

Other students have successfully placed in various writing competitions or had work published in newspapers.

Nesbitt, also a freelance writer, particularly of plays, said, while the focus of workshop one is geared more towards the study of authors such as Shakespeare and Twain, the second part is more open, in that students choose writers they want to study.

"There is more emphasis to develop a distinctive voice as a writer," she said.

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Fundraising discussed for year-end party

By Venus Cahill

Seven students, four college special needs personnel, one CPA alumnus and one special-skills dog showed up recently to discuss a year-end party and dance. The proposed event will be open to everyone from Conestoga College.

Marian Mainland, co-ordinator of special needs, explained the various services offered through her office.

She also discussed the appreciation awards presented by special needs students given out at the year-end party.

Last year there were only two categories but a third will be added this year.

In addition to faculty and support staff, there will be a chance for special needs students to nominate

fellow students.

Mainland said a nominee should be someone who made a difference, whose help was the difference between a passing and failing grade for a special needs student. The deadline for nomination forms was April 1.

Mainland introduced the group to Conestoga alumnus Regis Coladipietro, the person responsible for putting together last year's party and dance.

Coladipietro also presented her canine companion Maeve. She is training Maeve, who will become a special skills dog, on a voluntary basis.

After a fair amount of Timbits had been consumed, the group got down to the main reason for the meeting: to discuss fundraising events to cover the cost of the party.

At one point there was talk about

someone dressing up in an Easter bunny suit and delivering bunnies. Someone suggested forgetting the bunny suit and having strip-o-grams. Another insisted that he could give massages to earn the money.

Many ideas were discussed but those with potential included: a 50/50 draw, a bake sale and a raffle for services, including cleaning garages, mowing lawns and washing windows.

By the end of the meeting Mainland said she had compiled a list of good ideas for raising the money. Look for the upcoming fundraisers in the fall.

Mainland said last year's party and dance was a success. "Later in the night students got into groups. They met different people and they found out they had a lot in common."



Regis Coladipietro poses with Maeve, a six-month-old poodle. Maeve is in training to be a special skills dog.

(Photo by Venus Cahill)



Taking care of business

Rick Jamieson, of Triple E Power Systems, talks to his boss who is working on Conestoga's underground high voltage cut lines in preparation for a power cut off, March 27. The college was closed for the day due to the electrical maintenance work.

(Photo by Gary Wiebe)



Music for the masses

Dino Roumel, a third-year broadcasting student spins the discs during his morning show on CRKZ. He said he likes radio but won't close any doors on television.

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Workers With Experience program co-ordinator Ross Cromwell (far right) helps a group of students working on job search strategies at the Guelph campus March 23.

(Photo by Craig McLay)

Winning with experience

By Craig McLay

When the bottom fell out and the economy sank at the start of the decade, it left a lot of otherwise qualified workers stranded on a growing tide of unemployment.

In many cases, jobs relocated or disappeared, leaving workers with a lifetime of accumulated skills unable to apply for anything more than unemployment insurance.

Helping people to assess their skills and transfer them into another job is what the workers with experience program offered at Conestoga College's Guelph and Cambridge campuses is all about.

Workers With Experience is a 16-week course sponsored by Canada Employment and offered through the college's school of access and preparatory studies.

"About four years ago there were a lot of factories and businesses downsizing or moving to Mexico," said Ross Cromwell, program co-ordinator at Guelph.

"Consequently, there are a lot of people who have never been out of work finding themselves unemployed, in some cases for the first time in their lives."

Cromwell said many of the programs offered at colleges and universities do not cater to the over-40 group most heavily hit by the lean-and-mean attitude adopted by business.

"In working with Canada Employment and other agencies, we noticed there were a number of youth programs. There really wasn't a lot being offered to people over 40 who already had a solid attachment to the workforce."

The program attracts a wide-variety of people with a broad range of qualifications, he said.

"We have had teachers, custodians, people from every conceivable trade, plant managers, people with masters' degrees, people who haven't graduated elementary school—it's a real cross-section of our society."

When the program started four years ago, it was intended only for people on unemployment insurance, but now it's open to anyone looking for a career change, Cromwell said.

"You had to be on unemployment insurance because the government was using those funds in an up-front way to keep people from just sitting around waiting for their unemployment insurance to run out."

In the first stage of the program, students are required to assess what they like doing and how their interests may have conflicted with their

previous jobs.

"For some people, it's like having a chair kicked out from under them. They've been a loyal employee and now they're out. We work through the feelings associated with that at the start because they can interfere with positive change."

The next step is for students to start to determine what skills they have and how they might turn those skills into a new career or take a step up in the job they had.

"The strength of the program is that it's based on the experience of the individual involved. The small group support that students give each other is very vital."

The program also aims to provide a sense of self-empowerment to combat the loss of self-esteem that often comes with being unemployed.

"Anyone who's been unemployed for any length of time probably knows the feeling of being home alone—that I'm the only one on my street who's unemployed. Just to be in a group of people who share some of the same experiences is really helpful."

Students in the program also take four hours a week of math and computer classes as part of upgrading their marketability.

"The program is not teacher-centred, it's student-centred. We try and wrap the curriculum around the student. We get people who have never made out a resume before and people who are experts at it, so we have to be flexible," Cromwell added.

John Jackson is a 35-year-old father of two who came to the program when his construction job as a glazier dried up.

"I really wasn't content to sit around at home collecting unemployment insurance," he said.

"I wanted to identify some new areas of interest and pursue them. It's mindblowing that there aren't more programs out there like this."

Jackson said the program helped to open up horizons by providing the job search strategies and encouragement needed to make a big career change.

"There's tremendous value in the program. It's enabled us to pursue goals we never would have thought about before. We all wanted to make the change, but it's a scary thing. Now at least we have the tools we need to get started."

Jackson is just about to begin "job shadowing," where students go out to scout possible career paths by observing workers in the field.

It's a process he would never have started, he said, if it hadn't been for the help he got along the way.

GATT collects for Guelph charities

By Craig McLay

The Guelph Association of Trades and Technicians (GATT) at Conestoga College's Guelph campus announced a variety of charitable donations during their March 23 meeting.

The largest is a \$2,500 donation to the college towards the purchase of a new laser printer for one of the campus computer labs.

"It's something the whole school can use," said GATT vice-president Al Tully. "It's a great way to spend our money."

GATT also donated \$396 to Hope and Healing Counselling Services of Guelph, an organization that provides help for drug and alcohol addicts.

"They deal with family issues and drug addiction," said GATT president Mike Montpetit. "They also provide counselling for students who are under a lot of pressure."

Pinball revenue for the month of March is going to be donated to Habitat for Humanity to help get a Guelph campus chapter off the ground.

Habitat for Humanity is an international organization that builds low-cost housing for low-income earners.

Tully estimated that March revenue would be close to the \$700 raised in February.

"This is great," said Guelph carpentry teacher and Habitat volunteer Bill Knox. "Right now we need all the money and all the people we can get."

Although the semester is not over yet, GATT is also making plans to end its first semester of existence with a bang. Plans to kick off the summer with a barbecue to be held at Guelph campus April 21 were

also discussed at the meeting.

The barbecue will be open to Guelph's 120 fee-paying students as well as 30 staff and faculty members.

"We're going to make tickets up and distribute them to the classes involved. It'll be fun provided that nobody tries to do any lap-dancing," Tully said.

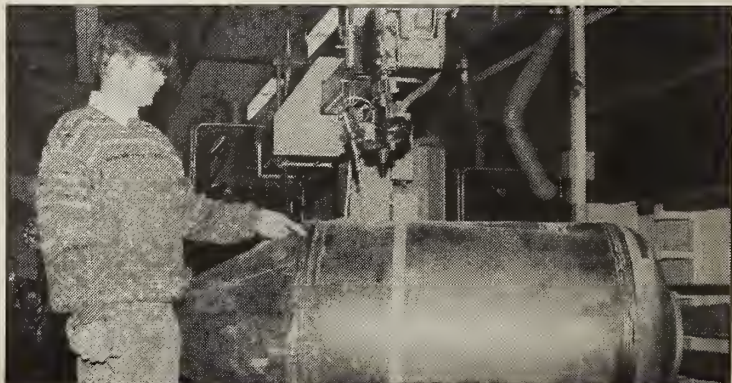
GATT decided to allot \$625 to pay for food, which will be supplied and prepared by Beaver Foods.

Another activity in the works is a euchre tournament, which will go ahead, provided enough people sign up for it, Tully added. The tournament will have a \$100 prize for the winners and a \$1 entry fee, which will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

"If we only have four people, it's kind of hard to have a tournament. They would just show up and we give them the money."

GATT needs more ideas from students about what kind of activities they would like to see scheduled, Tully said.

"There's no point in scheduling it if no one shows up. If not euchre, maybe they'd prefer darts. Anything to get students involved."



GATT vice-president Al Tully takes a poke at the weld on a tank used as part of an assignment by welding engineering technology students.

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Health promotion offers Raw Power

By Sheilagh McDonald

Beaver Foods' week-long health promotion, which marked National Nutrition Month, got off to a good start, said Jackie Van Trigt.

Van Trigt, manager of the two Beaver outlets on Doon campus, said students took advantage of the promotion March 21-25, and the lower-priced specials.

Raw Power focused on the nutrients in fresh fruits and vegetables and offered newer items for students to choose from.

"We had a light-yogurt bar with fresh fruits and granola and we also had light soups which are salt, fat and monosodium glutamate free."

Van Trigt said she was enthusias-

tic about being able to offer the students healthier items and lower prices. "It's good that we can put this kind of thing on for them. It was there if they wanted it."

Jennifer Abbott, a first-year early childhood education student, said the specials in the promotion were a nice change.

"It was good to have a choice of healthier foods on the menu. It is especially good for people who are weight conscious."

Abbott said she would take advantage of the yogurt bar if it were offered on an ongoing basis.

Van Trigt said she received many requests for a regular yogurt bar and would feature it again sometime in the fall.

The London-based company puts on a different promotion each year to mark National Nutrition Month in March and National Nutrition Week in November.

Last November's promotion featured whole grain mini-loaves.

Along with the promotion, students could find another of the newsletters that head office distributes each month.

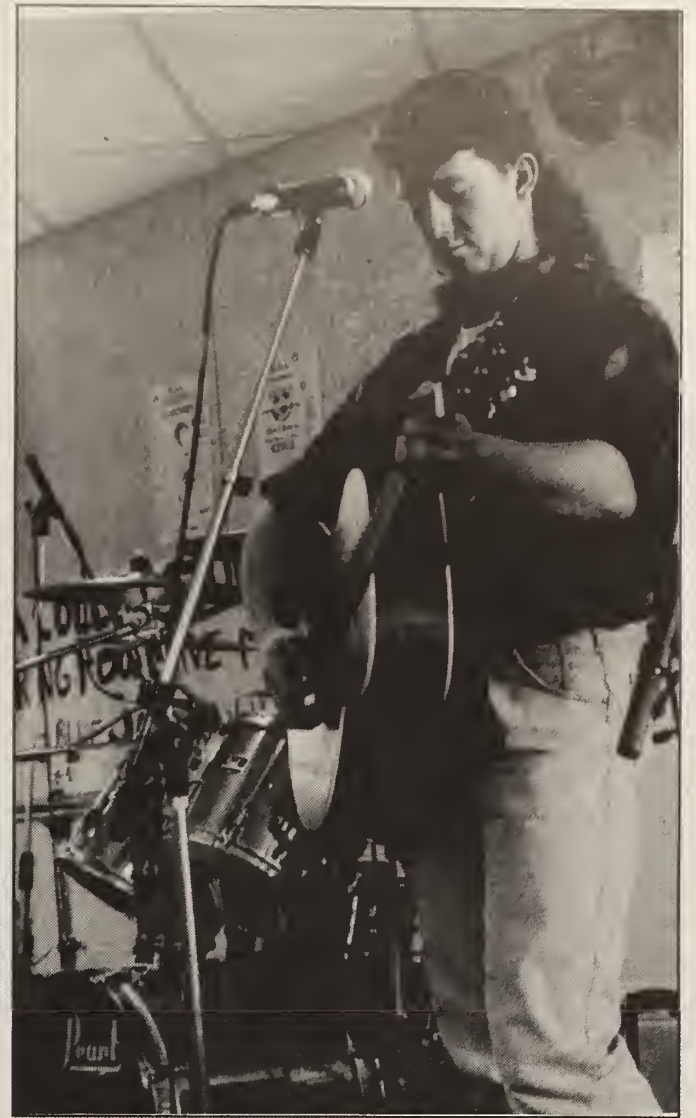
The March newsletter, entitled Nourishing Our Children's Future, focused on the eating habits of children and included inserts from Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating.

The newsletters can be found in the main cafeteria behind the cash counters.



Seung-Eun Yi (left) and Yukari Nakajima, both year-one general business students, take time out for a quick bite from Beaver Foods' special salad bar during the health promotion week.

(Photo by Sheilagh McDonald)



Localpalooza

Jeff Tanner performed four songs, including America's hit, Horse With No Name, for a lunch-time crowd on March 22, during the DSA's Localpalooza music festival.

(Photo by Venus Cahill)

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Localpalooza music fest a homegrown success

By Sheilagh McDonald

Last year, the homegrown talent night, planned by the Doon Student Association (DSA), turned into a free nooner due to lack of ticket sales.

This year, the two-day show, entitled Localpalooza, turned into a one-day nooner, yet it was still a success.

The March 22 event, featuring local bands made up of from Conestoga College, began in the main cafeteria with drum soloist Jason Higgins.

The first-year management studies student said he was happy with his performance and even happier with the reception he received from the audience.

"At first I was really nervous because I've never played for a college crowd before. But everyone was cheering so that brought my confidence up."

Second on stage was the acoustic duo of Jeff Tanner and Doug Boertien. Both agreed the large crowd that filled the cafeteria participated well.

"They clapped at least," laughed Tanner. "They could have booed."

The final act, Jay Retzler and his

band, Snap In Our Souls, played for an hour and will be featured in another nooner in the future, said DSA entertainment manager, Brad Logel.

"I've seen some bands on David Letterman and Arsenio get less response."

Logel said he was happy with the turn out and participation. He originally planned to have a two-day show, but had to cut it down to one because not enough performers signed up.

Higgins and Boertien agreed the DSA should have more nooners giving Conestoga musicians the opportunity to perform.

"It lets people see and hear the talent Conestoga students have. And it's entertainment," Higgins said.

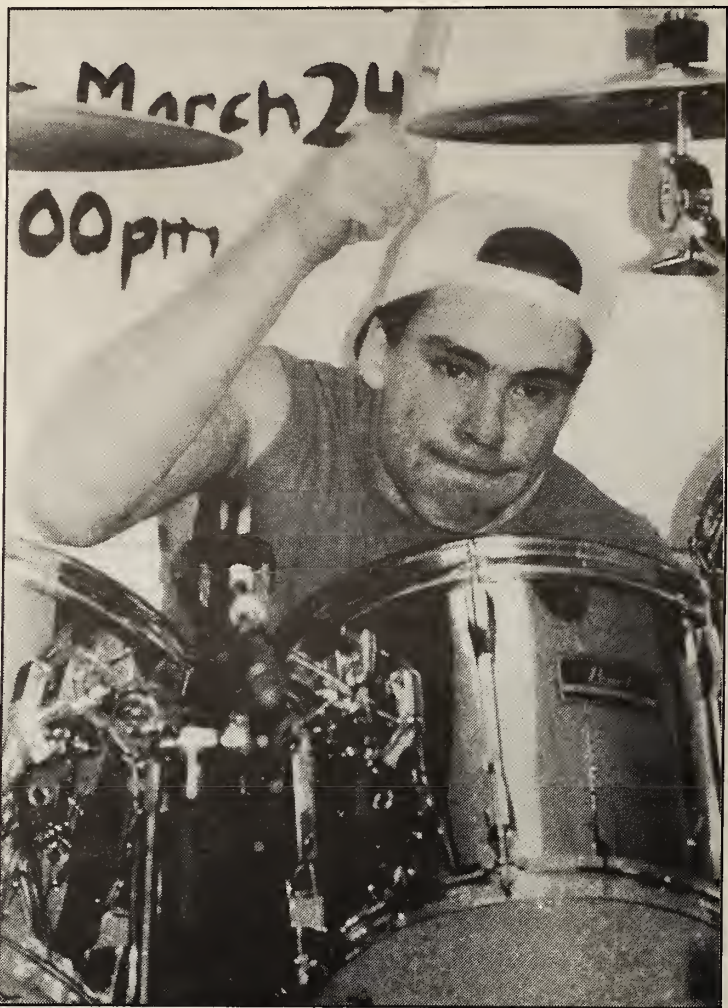
Heather Ragany, a year-one nursing student, said she enjoys the DSA nooners as a change-of-pace.

"It's nice because it's usually pretty boring in here," she said.

Clarissa Emmert, a year-one law and security administrations student, agreed.

"They (the DSA) should have more of these nooners to get people involved."

Jamie Vassey was the comedic master of ceremonies.



Conestoga College student, Jason Higgins, performs two drum solos during DSA's Localpalooza music festival, March 28 in Doon's main cafeteria.
(Photo by Julie Cooper)

A new and improved Motley Crue

By John Cinezan

In 1984, Motley Crue was the fastest-rising metal band in the world.

Their brand of cheeky sleaze-rock, coupled with their high-gloss MTV image, made them one of the most famous and copied bands internationally.

A decade later, the Crue are back with a new release that's ready to shake the metal world again.

Nikki Sixx (bass), Mick Mars (guitar), Tommy Lee (drums), have added new lead singer John Corabi in place of the departed Vince Neil.

Their new album, simply titled Motley Crue, is the band's most diverse album ever and will probably be one of the stronger albums put out this year by a metal act.

This record is a drastic change from all the stuff they put out in the past. It's similar to the change U2 went through a few years ago with their landmark album Achtung

Baby.

In contrast to their older work, Crue's new record is a lot heavier and much more progressive. Keyboards are used throughout and Corabi's soulful, yet gravelly voice, adds an alternative edge to this 12-song outing.

The album starts off with a power anthem called Power To The Music, which bleeds into the sorrowful Uncle Jack, a song about child molestation.

The third song, Hooligan's Holiday, is the album's best and is the most reminiscent of the old Motley Crue sound.

Next, are two slower songs: Misunderstood and Loveshine. What makes these two tracks stand out is the clever use of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra for the complex string arrangements.

The rest of the album is a collection of hard rockers with titles like, Hammered, Welcome To The Numb, and Droppin' Like Flies.

The album was produced by Canadian Bob Rock and portions of the album were recorded at Little Mountain Sound Studios in Vancouver. The rest of the album was recorded in the band's home town of Los Angeles at A & M Studios.

One of the few drawbacks to the album is its uncanny ability to sound amazingly like some of the other stuff that has been put out in the last few years by other groups.

Droppin' Like Flies sounds incredibly close to something Alice in Chains would put out.

Then there is Corabi himself, who will probably be endlessly compared to Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder, Stone Temple Pilot's Weiland and Anthrax's John Bush.

The booklet that comes with the CD and cassette might as well have been put out by U2 considering it has almost the same layout and design as Achtung Baby and Zooropa.

Nevertheless, the music itself is rock solid and the album should warrant a listen to anybody into Motley Crue or hard music in general.

Album Review

TITLE: *Motley Crue*

ARTIST: Motley Crue

RECORD COMPANY: Sony

RATING: ★★★★★

Deceased artist of former Doon village painted for Queen

By Wladimir Schweigert

The 1994 season of exhibits at the Homer Watson House and Gallery aims at correcting a biblical assertion: One can be famous abroad, but pass unnoticed at home.

The season's opening reception, to be held at the gallery at 1754 Old Mill Rd. in Kitchener, at 7:30 p.m. on April 7, will give the public access to the works of Homer Ransford Watson. Watson was the first Canadian landscape painter to have his work displayed in Windsor Castle in England.

The works of two other Canadian artists, Elizabeth Sander and Paul Kekish, will also be shown at the opening.

Homer Watson was born in 1855 in a house still standing at Doon Valley Road and Tilt Drive in Kitchener, in what was then the village of Doon.

At the age of 25, Watson submitted some of his works to the inaugural opening, in 1880, of Ottawa's newly-formed Royal Academy of Arts.

The governor general at that time purchased Watson's painting titled, The Pioneer Mill, for \$300, and presented it to Queen Victoria.

The Queen acquired another painting and this helped in launching Watson's career. But he still remains relatively unknown in his own town.

Gretchen McCulloch, curator of

the gallery expressed her disappointment saying many people, even those living in the neighborhood, don't know the native artist is recognized internationally.

But that is about to change.

McCulloch said about 500 brochures have recently been mailed to local residents, in an effort to make this fact known, promote the gallery and invite people living nearby to visit the exhibit.

The brochure was designed by Conestoga College's Alex Sproll, a second-year graphic design and advertising student. He produced a double-fold leaflet that uses Watson's photographs and depicts the house the artist lived in for most of his life.

The spacious house was built in

the 1830s.

Watson bought the house, expanded it and made it his home, studio and gallery at the turn of the century, opening it to interested visitors.

He did so in accordance with his belief, expressed in a 1933 letter, that "Art is after all for the people and not for the few."

Watson, who lived in relative comfort off the proceeds of his art, died in 1936, deaf and secluded from society. His remains are buried in the Presbyterian cemetery, only a few steps from where he painted. Five nephews and nieces still live in the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

Watson's home once housed the now defunct Doon School of Fine

Arts.

In 1981 the City of Kitchener purchased the property, and in 1982 a foundation was established to maintain the house as a memorial to Watson, whose works range in value from \$3,000 to \$30,000.

Declared a heritage landmark by Kitchener's LACAC (Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee), the building is also used to house art-workshops by visiting artists. The exhibit will run until May 23.

From April to December the gallery is open to the public, Tuesday through Sunday, from noon to 4:30 p.m., except Thursdays, when doors remain open to 8 p.m., until Thanksgiving.

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